(b) whether Kashmiri migrants were taken into confidence before releasing these leaders; if so, their point of view; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the benefits Government have reaped by releasing the Hurriyat leaders in Jammu and kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Hurriyat leaders were detained under the J and K Public Safety Act 1978, on the basis of decisions taken by the State Government and again some of them were released on the directions of the State Government.

Suggestions of Police Reforms Committee on revamping police

1173. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the suggestions made by the Police Reforms Committee headed by K. Padmanabhiah to revamp the police system as also the CBI;

(b) the time-bound promotional avenues in police force suggested;

(c) whether Government have examined the suggestions; and

(d) if so, the recommendations proposed to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The Committee which has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Padmanabhiah to suggest structural changes in the Police to meet the challenges India would face in the new millennium, is yet to submit its report to the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Raid on Godown by PWG in Andhra Pradesh

1174. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxals (banned PWG) looted about 1000 bags of rice, wheat and sugar from Chowdeshwari colony in Anatapur district of Andhra Pradesh on the 17th June, 2000;

(b) if so, whether stock points are not guarded; and

(c) the Government's policy to protect public properties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per available reports, CPML-People's War (PW) militants and their followers looted the civil supplied godown near Uravakonda (Anantapur district) on June 18, 2000 and carried away bags of subsidy rice, sugar and wheat.

(b) and (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. In the circumstances, the concerned State Governments have to devise various measures and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the State.

The Central Government shares intelligence inputs, provides para-military forces on need basis and also provides financial assistance for modernisation of State Police Forces and towards reimbursement of security related expenditure to the States affected by left wing extremism.

Greater Autonomy to J and K

1175. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government stands for greater autonomy for J and K within the scope of Article 370 of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are considering for regional autonomy for Jammu and Kashmir and Laddakh within the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?